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COUNTRY East Germany

TOPIC Military Information from Fuerstenberg

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. Between 25 and 30 May 1953, intensive construction activity was observed in the northern section of the barracks installation on Castaven Lake, Fuerstenberg, and three new watchtowers were under construction in the southern section. The watchtowers were occupied by sentries. Source believed that the construction of a firing range started between the southern border of the barracks area and the Fuerstenberg-Lychen road. Firing of rifles and machine guns was daily heard from the direction of the installation during the period under review. Construction projects were also under way at the northern shore of the upper Castaven Lake. Two new entrances were under construction at the western border of the barracks area, opening to the roads toward Alt-Thymen and Dabelow. Source had the impression that the installation was not occupied to capacity. Vehicles loaded with food containers, practice targets and boxes and leaving the installation on several days [REDACTED]

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2. A local resident stated that, between 5 and 30 May, several garages and three large twostory sheds were being erected northeast of the barracks installation on Castaven Lake, the latter in a right angle to the lake. A fuel depot in concrete underground bunkers was determined in Jagen (forest section) No 131. Construction material was daily shipped there on 20 to 30 trucks. The number of construction workers, in mid-May, had been increased to 300 men. On 6 May, numerous officers left the installation toward north for, source believed, pistol firing at the pistol firing range about 1 km west of Retzow, on the east shore of the Grosser Castaven Lake. They returned at about 2 p.m.¹ On 7 May, a column of 54 tanks with numbers between 800 and 900 was on the Templin-Lychen road near Densow, proceeding toward Neu-Placht.

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1. Comment. Elements of the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div stationed in the installation on Castaven Lake were apparently absent in late May for exercises in the vicinity of their billeting area, possibly in the Lychen area. It cannot yet be determined whether the construction work observed is to provide better quartering possibilities for the regiment or quarters for additional units.
2. Comment. the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div in Fuerstenberg-Castaven Lake until 3 February 1953. It is believed that Gds Lieutenant Colonel Dorokhov (fnu), who is mentioned for the first time, is deputy commander rather than succeeded the known commanding officer of the regiment, Gds Colonel Khazov (fnu).

Note: Documents forwarded separately on loan to NSA, Army, and TSS.

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